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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/517,305	Applicant(s) HERBERTHSON, MAGNUS	
	Examiner Bernarr E. Gregory	Art Unit 3662	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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1. The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is required to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81(c). No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). Each and every detail set forth in apparatus claims 6-12 must be illustrated in a drawing per 37 CFR §1.83(a). Any new drawings must be accompanied by appropriate amendments to the Specification to describe the drawings in the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the Specification and in the Detailed Description of the Invention section of the Specification. Correction is hereby **required**.
2. The Specification is hereby objected to under 37 CFR §1.77(b) and (c) in that it lacks the necessary sectional headings set forth therein. Correction is hereby **required**.
3. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

The full name of each inventor (family name and at least one given name **together with any initial**) has not been set forth.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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5. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Lines 3-4 of independent claim 1 are indefinite and unclear in that the language, "a number, spread in known points ... of transmitters and receivers ..." fails to set forth clearly and definitely if each and every transmitter and each and every receiver are spread out with no location having more than one transmitter or one receiver, or if transceivers and receivers may be paired with the pairs being spread out. The same problem occurs on lines 3-4 of independent claim 6.

On lines 11-12 of independent claim 1, it is unclear what is meant by the negative limitation, "but without the conventional requirement in radar for directional information" in context. The same problem occurs on lines 11-13 of independent claim 6.

On lines 8-9 of independent claim 1, the phrase "according to generally accepted principles of radar" is indefinite and unclear in context.

On line 9 of independent claim 6, the phrase "according to generally accepted principles of radar" is indefinite and unclear in context.

Independent claim 1 is indefinite and unclear in that it is presented as a claim directed to a method using, "electromagnetic or acoustic signals" (lines 4-5), but it refers later to simply "radar" (e.g. lines 9 and 12) in that "radar" is strictly RF (and so, excludes acoustic).

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Independent claim 6 is indefinite and unclear in that it is presented as a claim directed to an apparatus using, "electromagnetic or acoustic signals" (lines 4-5), but it refers later to simply "radar" (e.g. lines 9 and 12) in that "radar" is strictly RF (and so, excludes acoustic).

In independent claims 1 and 6, the uses of the word "can" (see line 16 of claim 1 and line 16 of claim 6) make the claims indefinite and unclear in that the word "can" is potential language.

Throughout claims 1-12, the uses of the phrase, "while considering a margin of error that has been determined in advance" are indefinite and unclear in context.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-12 are unclear in that they depend from unclear independent claims 1 and 6.

6. Claims 1 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

7. Claims 2-5 and 7-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

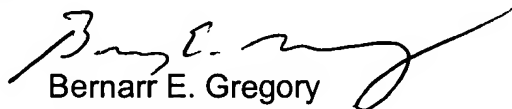
The examiner-cited prior art is of interest for showing the state of the related prior art.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernarr E. Gregory whose telephone number is (571) 272-6972. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H. Tarcza, can be reached on (571) 272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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